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## Winter fun

Carolyn Allder and her daughter Grace toboggan down the hill behind Archie Stouffer Elementary School on New Years Day. Allder was joined by several families who braved the frigid temperatures for some sliding fun. **Darren Lum Staff**

# Minden Hills election campaign kicks off early

**Sue Tiffin**  
Staff

The election is still more than nine months away, but the race for positions on Minden Hills council has already started.

Brent Devolin filed a nomination for reeve on Jan. 2 setting the local businessman up as a contender for

incumbent reeve Barb Reid.

"What became obvious to me is that the Minden Hills council run by Reeve Barb Reid is dysfunctional," said Devolin. "That's probably the reason that began my thoughts, that I would potentially run for reeve."

Reid defended her position after a term she feels has been successful.

"It would be hard to imagine how a dysfunctional council could produce the list of accomplishments

that this one has," she said.

Reid said her council's accomplishments include assisting in the addition of Canadian Tire to the community, controlling spending which resulted in annual budget surpluses rather than a deficit as was seen in 2008, revitalizing Minden's downtown, and improving communication with residents.

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# Devolin sees potential for Minden

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Devolin filed his nomination on the same day as Reid, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Ward 2 councillor Ken Redpath and Ward 1 councillor Lisa Schell. On his Facebook page, Devolin wrote that he was accompanied by Murdoch and Schell at the filing, and said that he was happy to have their support. However, all three candidates deny they are running in a slate as the Vision Team did in 2010.

Devolin said his motivations to run include the \$260 billion provincial deficit that he feels will greatly affect municipal governments, and the handling of last year's flood by current council.

Devolin criticized Reid's communication within council, and her council's handling of volunteer efforts.

"One of the sad things that I've seen during these three years is that many volunteers have put many years into their particular interest, and that this present council has not appropriately

appreciated their efforts," he said. "It has gone from a very cooperative, congenial thing to a very structured, obstructionist regime."

Reid said that volunteer organizations were asked to meet insurance and regulatory requirements in order to obey the law. She said the volunteer organizations do valuable work and that she understands it was difficult for some organizations to get used to doing things differently.

"I am a 'get-it-done' kind of person and sometimes my pace doesn't work for others," said Reid. "While change is hard for some people to accept, change is part of moving forward."

Reid said that if she was reelected, her goals would include finding an affordable police funding model, creating a playground and affordable housing project in downtown Minden and attracting a retirement home developer to the area.

"My message for this campaign is that we are seeing positive changes in our community and there is more to come with the right team in place," said Reid.

Devolin sees a bright future for the town. He said that Minden is ideally located with great infrastructure and that the town is in transformation. He wants to see more housing for seniors in the area, and thinks there is potential for development.

Devolin said the Highlands were also in development when his family moved here from Peterborough in 1969. His father is a retired principal of J.D. Hodgson, and his mom is a retired teacher and homemaker. Devolin has helped on the campaigns of brother Barry, who is currently the Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

"It's kind of a family legacy," said Devolin, whose maternal grandparents were Reeves near Bancroft.

He said that although he doesn't have council experience, he has worked on several elections including the Ontario MPP campaigns of Laurie Scott and Chris Hodgson.

"I've had a long history of political involvement and always had the intention of running

municipally."

Devolin and wife Laurie, deputy chief building official in Algonquin Highlands, have three children. He is a former president of the Rotary Club in Minden, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a Minden Hills Bluegrass volunteer. He has worked as a salesperson at Ridgewood Ford in Minden since 2003.

Devolin said that although Minden is great now, the future holds a lot of potential for the town.

"I think with the engagement of all interested parties, that we have a rich future," he said. "I'd like to contribute to that. My interest is Minden Hills. If somebody put their name forward that I thought was a better candidate, I could be convinced to reconsider my position, but at this time, I'm not aware of that."

This year's nominations are open until 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12. Certified candidates without an opponent will be declared elected by acclamation on Sept. 15 of this year and the municipal election will be held on Oct. 27.

## Health unit confirms influenza claims life of adult

Angelica Blenich  
Staff

This year's flu bug has cost one person their life.

On Jan. 3, the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit confirmed an area resident died as a result of having the flu.

While the individual's name and hometown are not being released, Health Unit officials did confirm the person was an adult under the age of 65 who had no underlying medical conditions.

The person was hospitalized with the flu before passing away in the hospital, according to the Health Unit. They had not had their flu shot this year.

"It was reported to us today," said Anne Marie Holt, manager of communicable disease control with the Health Unit, adding that the death was recent.

As of Jan. 3, 16 influenza cases had been confirmed by the Health Unit, however, that number was changing on a daily basis, said Holt.

"That is really just the tip of the iceberg of what will be going on in the community," she said. "We know that we don't get laboratory confirmation of all the circulating flu cases ... 11 of those [cases] are under the age of 50. Which is not what we would normally see."

Of those confirmed cases, the individuals ranged from four to 87 years old and at least six of those with influenza had not had their flu shot, confirmed Holt.

This year's results are not typical, as there is a particularly high strain of H1N1 in the area.

"The influenza H1N1 strain can cause serious illness in younger people," said Holt. "So far this season it seems to be the predominant strain both provincially and locally."

Because of its effect on younger people, the Health Unit is encouraging everyone to get a flu shot this year, even if they don't normally, particularly those under the age of five.

"So far this season we are seeing normal numbers of influenza cases. What's different this year is that the predominant strain right now is H1N1, so the cases we're seeing are younger. We normally see influenza impacting the elderly significantly," Holt said.

To address the high number of cases this year, additional flu shot clinics are being offered by the Health Unit in Lindsay and Port Hope.

"The flu shot is safe and effective, and there are still opportunities to get a free flu shot in your community," says Linda McCarrey, director of communicable disease control with the Health Unit.

The clinics are taking place in Lindsay on

Jan. 9 from 1 - 3 p.m. and in Port Hope on Jan. 14 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Those interested are asked to book appointments ahead of time by calling 1-866-888-4577.

The clinics are aimed at children age six months and older.

Apart from the clinics, residents can also get a flu shot from their health care provider, as well as at many local pharmacies throughout the county.

For a full list of pharmacies participating visit [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca).

Tips to stop the flu from spreading include washing your hands frequently and thoroughly, sneezing and coughing into your sleeves and to avoid those who are showing flu symptoms.

Eating well, getting plenty of sleep and being physically active on a regular basis are also recommended.

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# OPP lay four impaired charges during RIDE campaign

**Mark Arike**  
Staff

It seems as though the Festive RIDE program is working in Haliburton County.

According to a press release from the Haliburton Highlands OPP, four people were charged with impaired driving over the course of the six-week campaign, which ran from Nov. 23 to Jan. 2. Three of those charges were laid outside of the program.

"The program is effective and perhaps we're getting the message out there," said OPP Const. Paul Potter, who serves as the area's community services officer. "Perhaps people aren't going out driving after they've been consuming alcohol because they think we're going to be out there, and they think the chance of them being stopped is much higher."

During the campaign, officers conducted 123 separate ride checks and stopped 5,221 vehicles. In addition to the one impaired driving charge, officers administered 22 roadside tests, issued two three-day suspensions, laid seven drug possession charges, and 45 Highway Traffic Act charges.

The drunk driving charge was laid on Dec. 13 after the OPP received information from the public about an erratic driver on Hwy 35 in Minden Hills. The driver, a 28-year-old Oshawa man, was charged with impaired driving after blowing more than five times the legal blood-alcohol limit.

In Ontario, a person can be charged with impaired driving if their blood-alcohol con-



Mark Arike Staff

OPP officers stop motorists along Hwy 21 near Haliburton during the Festive RIDE program.

centration level (BAC) reaches 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood (0.08 per cent). However, once a person's BAC gets to 0.05 per cent, also known as the "warn range," they are subject to fines and possible license suspensions.

All drivers under the age of 22 must maintain a zero BAC level.

According to Potter, over 20 local officers

and members of Snowmobile ATV and Ves-sel Enforcement (SAVE), participated in the recent campaign.

"The officers in Haliburton County and other areas will be doing RIDE [checks] all throughout the year," he said. "But it's not as big of a program as it normally is through the Festive RIDE."

In the province, police laid a total of 578

impaired driving charges and issued 481 warn range suspensions. These numbers are down from the previous year, when officers laid 693 impaired driving charges and issued 625 warn range suspensions.

The OPP are reminding the public to report any suspected impaired drivers by calling 1-888-310-1122, 9-1-1 or \*OPP (677) on their cell phone.

## Snowmobilers happy with trails this year

**Darren Lum**  
Staff

Snowmobilers are experiencing one of the best years in recent memory thanks to the cold weather and the ample snow coverage.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) president Joachim Matysek calls it the best winter he has ever seen in the Highlands after snowmobiling here for 26 years.

"Lots of snow," said Matysek. "This cold weather is making the trail base nice and hard and firm. It's just excellent conditions."

Matysek, who has been president for the past three years, said permit sales have already equalled last year's total of close to 1,300.

He estimated that close to 80 per cent of the 370-kilometre trails system is open, which includes all of the top trails and top secondary trails. More trails are opening each day, said Matysek.

The forecast for the season is a positive one, according to Matysek.

"It's early yet, but the way it's going we could be into a 10 or 12-week snowmobiling season," he said. "Last year we had a five [to] six week season."

Last year, the trails didn't open until the end of January, he added.

Matysek, who also runs a local resort, is seeing more business because of the favourable conditions. With last year's poor start, he didn't book any sledders until the middle of January.

During the snowmobile season he reminds riders to stay on marked trails and water crossings, and adhere to signage. It will not only ensure safety, but will demonstrate respect for property owners who are integral to land usage agreements where the network of trails crosses private property, said Matysek.

"We have a great deal of land owners [who] allow us to cross their property and if we start wandering off the trail system it can be revoked," he said, adding that venturing into the unknown can get a rider into trouble. "You know, stumps, rocks and cars. Things like that."

The local club always welcomes new volunteers. Their help is needed to put up signage and for brushing.

Members meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 171 Mallard Road in Haliburton.

Trail conditions are available on the HCSA website or the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) interactive map.



Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president Joachim Matysek says conditions this year for snowmobiling are the best he's seen in his 26 years in the area. To date the club has issued about 1,300 permits and close to 80 per cent of the network's trails are open. /File photo



# New Year's in Minden

**Sue Tiffin**  
Staff reporter

The S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and surrounding area were busy with both local and out-of-town families as they celebrated some of the last hours of 2013 at Minden Township's Family Fun Night on Dec. 31.

From 5:30 to 8:30 that night, more than 60 people bundled up for activities including

public skating, tobogganing, and nighttime sensory walks led by community development co-ordinator Elisha Weiss.

"I think they're so much fun," she said of the walks, in which participants could explore outdoor trails and participate in games by night. "It's important to bring back fun and play. It's great to be outside with family, which a lot of people don't get to do anymore."

Weiss handed out free hot chocolate to help skaters and sledders warm up, and then braved the elements to lead the walks.



Sue Tiffin Staff

Ajax resident Matthew Simpson and his mom, Sandy, took a break from exploring the nature of the Highlands and chugged down a cup of free hot chocolate at the Minden free skate on New Year's Eve.

# Sanctuary gets boost

**Sue Tiffin**  
Staff reporter

The Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary received a \$355 donation on Dec. 14 from Paulmac's Petfoods.

The money was raised through a fundraiser for the non-profit charitable organization, which rehabilitates orphaned and injured wildlife.

Twenty-two customers brought 27 pets

to take a picture of their furry one with Santa. Store manager Amanda Dykstra said although any kind of pet was welcome, the festive participants were all dogs.

"I wasn't sure how it would go with so many dogs being asked to sit on a stranger's lap," said Tiffany Million of Firefly Photography, who donated her services. "But they were really well behaved. The dogs seemed to really know something exciting was happening."



Photo by Firefly Photography

Paulmac's Petfoods in Minden raised \$355 for the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary through a fundraiser on Dec. 14. Pictured above, Nancy Crowther (left), Paulmac's Petfoods Minden owner; Amanda Dykstra, store manager; and Monika Melichar of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary sit with Santa Claus.

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# Holiday season brings string of thefts to county

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff

Several break-ins that occurred during the holidays resulted in thefts at cottages and at one business in Haliburton County.

A boat motor was stolen from Harper Powersports and Marine, located in Minden Hills.

According to the OPP suspects walked into the storage facility located near the marine and cut the shrink-wrap around 14 boats.

"The wrapping was cut near the outboard motors of all the boats to reveal the motor type and size," read the release from the OPP.

A Yamaha motor was stolen off a 16-foot Smokercraft fishing boat. It is described as being a 2006, 40 horsepower tiller-style outboard motor, is black, with the serial number 67CL1019348.

Rob Bryson, a tech at the marine, says the motor was probably valued at around \$6,500.

To access the motor, the suspects walked around the gate and damaged a boat to get at the motor, said Bryson.

Nothing else was taken during the incident. In previous years the marine has had gas stolen from the property, however never a motor.

Bryson believes the suspects knew exactly what they were looking for.

"Somebody was looking for this motor and took it," he said. "They cut into a couple of other boats to look at the motor and then they finally found the one they wanted."

The incident took place during the nighttime, said Bryson.

Crimestoppers will pay up to a \$2,000 reward for a tip that leads to an arrest.

In a separate incident, seven cottages in the Highlands East area were broken into and as a result one chainsaw and three firearms were stolen, according to a release issued by the OPP.

The incidents occurred on Dec. 19 on Swirling Leaves Lane and were investigated by the Bancroft detachment.

Bancroft community service officer Susanne Cox suspects more residences were broken into, but the owners have not yet reported them.

"The problem, when we get into seasonal places, is the victims coming up [here] to report," said Cox. "I think there was probably more properties stolen from then what the news release says. But the problem is people haven't come up to check."

At this time there are no suspects in the incident.

The OPP is still investigating the matter and Cox is asking anyone with information to call 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-222-8477, to remain anonymous.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Harper Marine and Powersport tech Rob Bryson points to a boat and motor that is covered in shrink-wrap at their location on County Road 21. A recent incident at the marine saw a boat motor stolen after the shrink wrap was cut into on 14 different boats at the marine. An investigation is ongoing and there are no suspects at this time.



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### Administrative Assistant

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- Strong people skills as working directly with volunteers and members of the public is required.

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## Balancing tradition with progress

**S**MALL TOWNS ARE infamous for resisting change. This isn't always a bad trait to have. Resisting change has in part enabled rural communities to retain pristine natural environments, support unique and local businesses, and cultivate a very strong sense of community and pride.

But sometimes remaining the same can hold us back as the world changes around us. It can cause our younger residents to migrate to bigger cities that offer enticing job opportunities. It can restrict residents from choice of goods or services in a world that offers ultra convenience.

Change is happening here. Downtown Minden has never looked better. Business owners are putting great effort into the look and feel of their stores, and exercise is encouraged via the Riverwalk and the Minden Walking Trail.

Now we face a new year that will be filled with campaigning by residents who hope to be part of a new term of council. Our community has a choice in who we elect as reeve to lead us through the ongoing changes happening in Minden Hills.

Brent Devolin as reeve would be a change in itself. Council would have a new look, a fresh start, and potentially a different take on the future. He says he's an inclusive team player and that he wants to repair relationships within council and between volunteer and service groups to return to the heritage of the area, to put things back where they historically have been. He thinks that great change is coming to the area as a result of the province's \$260 billion deficit and that he is the candidate with more experience to communicate with provincial and federal leaders. And he says that with changes come opportunities. But although he says he has plenty of support-

ers, he's yet to be specific about what his goals as reeve would be. Instead, he focuses more on ousting the current reeve, so we're left wondering what he will bring to council outside of a new face.

Barb Reid as reeve would bring more of what we've already experienced. Reid says that our town has been making steady progress in different ways during her term. She says that her council has found ways to spend more efficiently and that they've had budget surpluses for the past three years. These surpluses have been used to fund community development and have contributed to a reserve on the new fire hall that she intends to build in the next term.

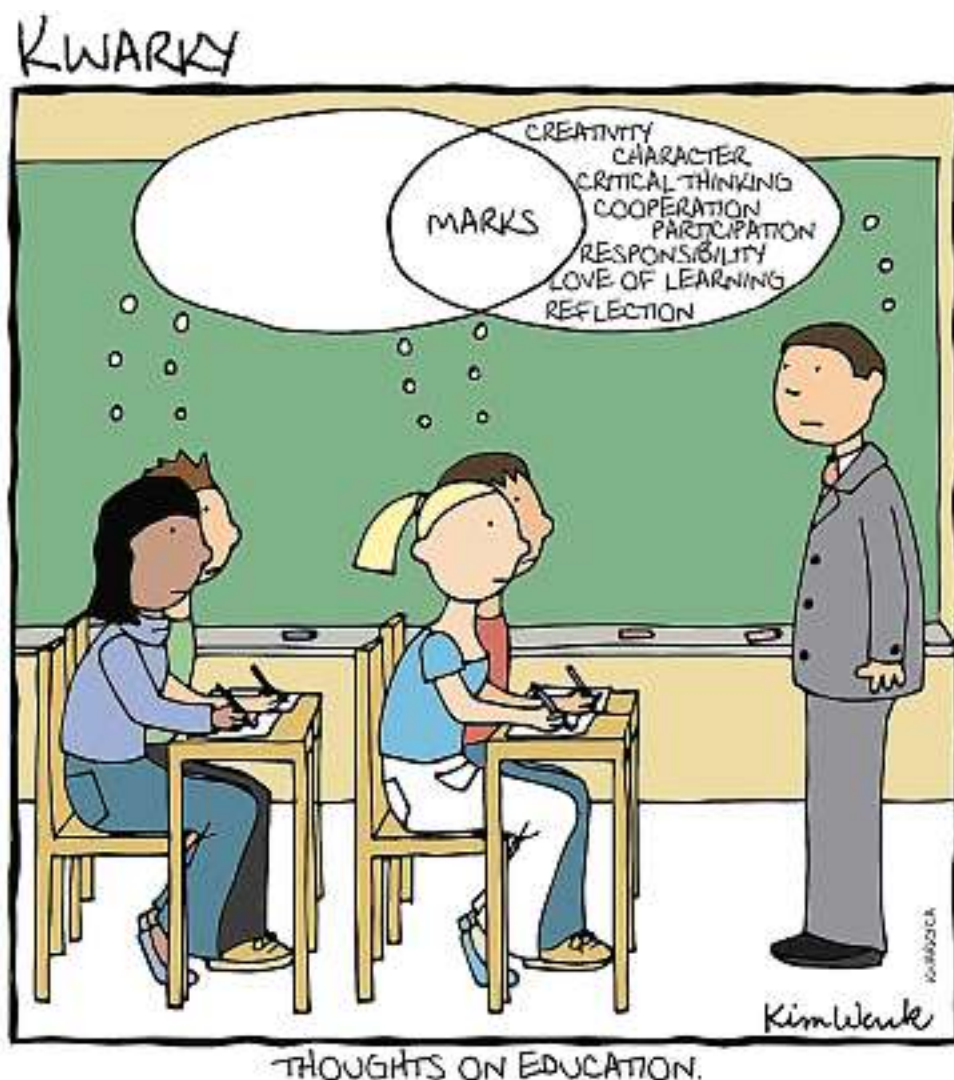
She wants to encourage retirees and their disposable income to the area, creating a higher permanent population to help support businesses throughout the year. She says that change is part of moving forward and she intends to continue working on Minden's revitalization for the future. We know what we

get with our current reeve, but the community hasn't always accepted the changes she has made, and some continue to be suspicious of the Vision Team despite Reid's claims that the slate disbanded prior to her term beginning.

This election campaign is not even a week old. Devolin has plenty of time to convince us that he's not just the best person for the job because he won't be Barb Reid. And Barb Reid has plenty of time to acknowledge what residents haven't liked in the past, and to highlight what she has done and what she will do. It's up to our residents to decide what kinds of change we want, and who we want to implement them.



**Sue Tiffin**  
Staff



THOUGHTS ON EDUCATION.

## letters to the editor

## Vote counters not worth the coin

**To the Editor,**

The anticipated increase in Minden Hills municipal election cost includes renting a tabulator at \$10,000 and \$10,000 in additional staffing costs (Highlander, Dec 19/13). In the last election, just over 5,000 votes were cast. This scheme costs \$4 per anticipated voter. Rental of the machine costs 500 person-hours at \$20/hour.

To accomplish what? Apparently consistency of counting, timely reporting and reducing staff time (Times, Dec 18/13). I've not heard that consistency of counting was a problem, nor that a machine is a better counter of marks on paper than people. How many minutes earlier will we know results? I've heard 70 minutes: that's \$286/minute. How can a machine both reduce staff time and cost an additional \$10,000 in staff

time? Magical mathematics, methinks.

I'm discouraged that Ms. Nancy Wright-Laking, who is also our economic development officer, as well as the CAO and clerk, is so anxious to export \$10,000 of our tax dollars out of the area - maybe \$20,000; we don't know that those extra staffing dollars will go to local people. Last election some community people got stipends of \$75 to count votes. At that rate, we could hire 267 local people to replace the counting machine and associated staffing, to some local benefit.

I like to see local money spent locally, and for value: this tabulator scheme doesn't make the grade.

**Fay Martin**  
Minden

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## points of view

# The end of an era

### To the editor,

I was both saddened and disappointed to hear the news that morning, Dec. 16, that Bram Lebo, publisher of Maple Key Media, had bought The Echo, The Times, and the Bancroft and Barry's Bay This Week newspapers from Sun Media. This, with his The Highlander, gives him the monopoly of the news despite what others may say. Competition of the news in the Highlands is dead. Mr. Lebo said every employee of Sun Media has been offered a position. Great, but not necessarily the position they held. Jenn Watt lost her position as managing editor, a job she

held since the departure of Martha Perkins. Chad Ingram heard the new format of the Times and chose to leave us. What a loss! His opinion column told it like it was – the good news and the bad – and often with humour. It is so sad to think that this all happened with an election year coming up. This is one of the most important elections for Minden Hills and we have lost our watch dog. Chad is a true investigative reporter and has uncovered news that some in our council wanted kept quiet, and there is more to come. Will The Highlander report this? I hope so! Now we have one paper questioning candidates for the October election. Will we get a one-

sided opinion as to their positions to represent us for our future four years of government?

I know the management is sorting out who is doing what but the last issue of The Times was most disappointing. Instead of reporting on the year that was passing and the hopes for the year coming up, (which Chad would have done in his opinion column), we got three pages of the Legion Remembrance Day Contest winners. Yes, this was important to the children involved but I thought the timing was odd! I see no point in continuing my subscription if we are just going to get the same Highlander reporters writing columns

that are in The Highlander.

I have e-mailed both Chad and Jenn and wished them well but their leaving has created a void in the knowledge of the history in the Highlands that The Highlander does not have yet.

Jenn and Chad, you will be missed. I am so sorry this all happened!

**Lois Rigney**  
Minden Hills

## Changing of the guard

On our annual Christmas tour, I pick up a weekly chain newspaper from a dining-room table in a community at once both more urban and urbane than our own.

Not much happens over the holidays and editors have lives to live, so a year-end review is just the ticket to fill its news columns. Evidently it was a year of terpsichorean triumphs in the town we are visiting, for the look-back on 2013 is rich in children's dance recitals. There is no hint of economic gloom or political angst.

What does the editor think of the state of her little world? There must not be much to discuss, but she takes a firm hand anyhow. On the editorial page, she casts caution to the wind and bravely declares her disapproval of drunk driving, risking the wrath of the perpetually sozzled.

In her signed column on the page opposite, she proclaims her unflinching support for CO detectors.

No doubt there will be follow-ups on the sanctity of motherhood. She pulls no punches, but ruffles no feathers. The whole production might be a parody of small-town journalism, except there is no punch line.

If her prose does not entertain, at least it fills the space between the ads,

which was the only reason they gave us typewriters in the old Thomson newspaper chain.

The Thomsons, beginning with Lord Roy, were pioneers in the chaining of small-town journals into profit centres. Now most weeklies belong to chains and are either profit centres or extinct, like the Lindsay Post. The editor's main job is to avoid offence.

Time was, a weekly newspaper proprietor lived over the office where he set type by hand and shared his town's fortunes. Often he was motivated as much by his ideals as by the need to make a living.

This has been a chain newspaper since Len Pizzey sold it years ago, but it has never felt like one. Pizzey and Martha Perkins left an ineradicable journalistic stain on this paper so positive that no head-office bean-counter could brush it away.

Carrying an almost impossible burden of multi-media expectations from Sun Media, the Times and the Haliburton Echo, kept doing a good job of bringing the news to their communities whether they wanted to hear it or not.

From across the street, The Highlander seemed also to believe that the reason for its existence is to gather the news. For all three papers, there has been more to journalism than filling the space between the ads.

Now all three of them, and a pair of Sun offspring in Bancroft and Barry's Bay, are one. The Highlander's Bram Lebo has a little chain of his own, a David triumphant in a backwoods newspaper war over the Sun Goliath.

How it will all work out is anybody's guess, including Bram's, but every war has casualties. Jenn Watt and Chad Ingram worked too hard at making this a good newspaper to have their world turn upside down.

It's important to understand that they were not fired. They quit. Events pushed them into a corner. They were peripheral damage in the takeover.

Jenn, who had been in charge of four newsrooms for Sun Media, would have been second in command, a common fate for managers of a company taken over by another. The boss trusts the

folks he knows.

Chad, I suspect, withdrew as much in sorrow as in anger. So, too, did Jenn's partner Steve Galea, a part-timer like me. Our columns were next-door neighbours for all of these years. Now he's gone.

Were they competent? Steve won 15 Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards for his column. Nobody writes better about social issues than Jenn. She won a half-dozen awards for her reporting. The papers also won a numbers of awards for general excellence under her leadership.

Journalism is a cruel and heartless business. There is no useful way of measuring performance, so careers hang as much on the fates as on talent. For Haliburton County, this should be a time for celebration. At a time when the world is shedding newspapers, the good news is that we still have three of them.

The sad news is that I've lost three comrades. Stiff upper lip: I still love this place I live so I'll keep writing columns about it for as long as the Times keeps printing them.

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Back of Beyond

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# Peewee team wins two straight

*Submitted by Larry Bukta*

Dollo's Foodland's Highland Storm Peewee A team finished the regular season winning back-to-back games against league points leader South Muskoka. Saturday's game in Haliburton was a 3-1 win that featured goalie Carson Sisson playing his best game of the season. Sisson stopped a number of shots during two periods when South Muskoka put huge pressure on the Highland Storm. South Muskoka scored first in the opening period, but Owen Gilbert tied the score on a slapshot after receiving a pass from Ethan Glecoff. Alex Little scored next on a breakaway after receiving a pass from Ryan Hall. Gilbert scored Highland Storm's third goal assisted again by Glecoff.

Game two in Gravenhurst was a 4-2 win with the Storm team perhaps playing their best game of the season. South Muskoka opened the scoring in the first period. Ben MacNaull tied the game early in the second period. South Muskoka and the Storm team then traded goals with Nick Dollo, tying

the score late in the second period. With a 2-2 tie in the third period, Glecoff quickly scored the winning goal followed four minutes later by a goal by Gilbert. The Storm Peewee team will head to the Muskoka-Parry Sound League playoffs in Minden and Haliburton on Jan. 18 and 19.

## Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

*Submitted by Tammy Smith*

The Highland Storm Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A's travelled to Huntsville on Jan. 4. This was the last time these two teams would meet this season and Huntsville wasn't going to let The Storm win all four games as they pulled out a tie. Paydon Miscio deked out a few players and then the goalie to make it 1-0, assisted by Ethan Keefer and Jacob Haedicke. Huntsville tied it up minutes later. With five minutes left in the first, Matt Wilbee found Owen Smitty Smith wide open at the opposite side of the net to make it 2-1. Then Huntsville came back with two goals to lead 3-2 until late in the game when

Owen Patterson Smith did the wraparound to end the game in a tie. The Storm's last regular season game is Tuesday, Jan. 7 in Minden at 7:30 p.m.

## Canadian Tire Novice

*Submitted by Ron Hall*

On Dec. 29, the Highland Storm Canadian Tire novices travelled to Huntsville to play the Otters. With a shortened bench due to injuries and sickness, the Storm faced a bench full of opponents. Playing hard in the first period battling back and forth, the Otters managed to get one on the board ending the period 1-0. The storm tried their best and didn't give up, but couldn't get any breaks. The Otters managed to score two more, putting them ahead by three. They then put in another three to make the final score 6-0.

The coaching staff is very proud of the boys for playing so hard with only eight skaters against a bench of 15.

# Horse-drawn sleigh rides at Pearson Hunt Camp

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Great as it was to once again have all the family together on Christmas Day in Ajax, there was a sense of bittersweet realizing that this would be the last Christmas at 2 Cherry Rd.

After eleven years, the beautiful stately house with its wrap

around veranda and turret had outgrown the only family it had ever known and been sold with an early January closing. Son David struggled with his Christmas dinner "Toast to the House" but found comfort in daughter Emma's reminder that if the walls could talk it would all be good.

Back at the old farmhouse the "around the water cooler talk" with family and friends has been all about the weather. To me this cold and snow is quite normal and much like the growing up winters I remember in Toronto, so this morning's quote from Dave Phillips of Environment Canada brought a chuckle. He reminded that this winter's weather was indeed what your grandparents described and added that "it's not that Canadians have become whimpy, they are just out of practice."

For a fun-filled country family experience on Saturday, Jan. 18, head out for Pearson's Hunt Camp on the Galway Road about 7.5 km in from County Road 121. Enjoy horse drawn sleigh rides while keeping warm around the bonfire with hot refreshments available for purchase. Activities start around the noon hour and funds raised at this popular annual event are used to support projects within the Galway community.

Friends of the Kinmount Library will hold its first book sale of 2014 on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the branch located at 3980 County Road 121. Donations of good used books are welcome (please no texts or magazines) and can be dropped off in the marked receptacle. For hours and program information give Mary Ann a call at 705-488-3199.

Plan to attend the annual Robbie Burns Dinner coming upon Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Burnt River Community Centre. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a traditional Scottish dinner, fiddle music and Scottish dancing. For tickets please call event coordinator June Hunter at either 705-454-1653 (work) or 705-454-8045 (home).

If you resolved to take better care of yourself in 2014, Kinmount Winter Yoga Classes will begin on Thursday, Jan. 16 and continue weekly through Feb. 27 at the Kinmount Community Centre. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. these 90-minute classes offer instruction in gentle/general Hatha Yoga with a fee of \$9/class or \$63/series. For more information please call Pam at 705-928-3941.

Until next week.



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# Storm midget team maintains impressive record

**Matthew Desrosiers**  
Editor

The Highlander's Highland Storm Midget A team got the last say in a season-long battle against their rivals from South Muskoka, winning 3-2 in a hard-fought game in Haliburton on Jan. 3.

South Muskoka is the only team to have beat the Storm all season, winning their last two meetings.

The home team opened the scoring with under five minutes left in the first period. In the second, up 2-0, the Storm took a four-minute penalty for hitting to the head. Penalty killers worked hard for the first two minutes of the penalty, unable to get off the ice. With just a minute left, however, South Muskoka put one in to get within a goal.

Although the visitors carried momentum into the third period, it would be the Storm who capitalized on their chances, retaking their two-goal lead.

South Muskoka made the game interesting with a goal near the end of the game, but the home team weathered the storm, coming away with the victory.

"They're a good team," said Storm head coach Jamie Dollo. "[They're] a good skating team, and they always play hard. You've got to raise your intensity if you want to be in the game."

Dollo said his team did just that.

"It's just effort. That's it. Other than maybe one penalty that we shouldn't have took, [we] played a really disciplined, hard game."

The Midget A team finished their regular season with a record of 14-2-2. They currently sit in first in the league standings, but South Muskoka is only two points behind with a postponed game remaining on their schedule.

Next for the team is the Muskoka-Parry Sound league playdown tournament this weekend in Bracebridge and



**Matthew Desrosiers** Editor

Storm captain Nathan Feir takes a faceoff against a South Muskoka player in the team's 3-2 win on Jan. 3.

Gravenhurst, Dollo said. After that the team heads into the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs.

"They're a great group of kids," he said. "It's been a fun year so far and hopefully we can carry on into the playoffs."

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## Year in review

# Community unites in wake of Minden flood



Sandbags weren't enough to keep the flood waters from overtaking this home on Anson Street in Minden on April 21, 2013. In the days after the initial flooding, the Gull River continued to rise, causing road closures and home evacuations. /File photo



Left: Community members fill bags with sand on April 21 in Minden. Thousands of bags were filled by volunteers all day long as the banks of the Gull River flooded houses and streets causing Minden Hills to call a state of emergency. Above: A vehicle slowly approaches the flooded Anson Street, as heavy rains and rising water levels left the Gull River to breach the shores and nearby homes. People in affected areas (Anson Street, Orde Street, Invergordon Avenue and Prince Street) were encouraged to get to higher ground.

On April 20, the Township of Minden Hills declared a state of emergency after water levels rose to dangerous levels. Many residents had to evacuate their homes due to extreme flooding caused by heavy rainfall and the rapid spring thaw. Initial estimates pegged the damages to homes and other private properties at \$4 million, but fortunately insurance companies stepped up to assist many of those affected, bringing down that total considerably.

The bad news event, which garnered national media attention, brought the best out in the community. Local residents, business owners and organizations all pitched in to help those affected by donating their money, time and resources. The Minden Flood Relief Golf Tournament, for example, brought in over \$120,000. At the end of October, volunteer members of the Disaster Relief Committee (DRC) announced they had raised over \$708,000 through their fundraising campaign.



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Meghan Reid of Just Move It Fitness sent in this photo of herself snowshowing in the Highlands.



Fallon and Hayden Thorn made a great snowman with a little help from mom. Submitted by Cassie Thorn

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## Year in review

# Wolf release spurs criminal investigation

On Dec. 31, 2012, the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. made headlines after four wolves escaped from the Wolf Centre when vandals cut their enclosure. In the days after the release, staff discovered evidence that led them to believe that Logan, one of the pups, was the victim of a shooting. Nine days after the incident, staff also found Granite, the alpha female, near death after being wounded by two bullets. Despite their

best efforts to save her, the wolf succumbed to its injuries. The other two missing wolves, Haida and Lonestar, were never found. The Haliburton Forest offered a \$3,000 reward for information leading to a conviction, but no arrests were made.

The release sparked conversation about keeping wild animals in captivity.

## Devolin announces departure from federal politics

In November, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin announced he wouldn't be seeking re-election in 2015. In the Nov. 19 edition of The Haliburton County Echo, the former Haliburton resident said it was time to "move on and do some other things in my life." For the past five years, he's also served as the assistant deputy speaker in the House of Commons.

## HHHS gets new CEO

Varouj Eskedjian started in his new position as CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) in January. The hospital administrator who hails from Sudbury told The Echo it was his priority to maintain services, if not enhance them. His five main priorities included integration, budget, safety, work environment and enhancement.

Eskedjian replaced Paul Rosebush, who held the position for three and a half years.

County welcomes tourism director

In June, the County of Haliburton hired Amanda Ranson to "manage the brand and create the demand." With a background in brand management and a firm grasp on social media marketing, Ranson quickly set out to put the Haliburton Highlands on the map. Since starting the job, Ranson has boosted the county's presence on Facebook and Twitter, and created a marketing and branding strategy for the future. The #MyHaliburtonHighlands hashtag is now popping up all over the web, so it's certainly a good sign of things to come.

## Relay for Life committee calls it quits

After seven years in Haliburton, the Haliburton County Relay for Life committee had to make a difficult decision. In September, the event's chairwoman, Aggie Tose, announced that her committee would not be organizing the event due to a decision made by the Canadian Cancer Society to implement a \$100 fee for new patients requiring transportation services. After the announcement, a spokesperson for the Canadian Cancer Society said the event - which is scheduled to take place at the Minden Fairgrounds - would still go ahead as planned, however, the society would oversee it and enlist the help of volunteers if necessary. In its time, the signature event has raised over \$1.1 million for cancer research.

## Notices



## SIRCH is requesting proposals for a Peer Advocacy Training Program

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# sports year in review

## Fulfilling a dream

He swears it's the truth.

The night before the Hawaii Ironman, Edward Cyr, who is originally from Minden, dreamed he would cross the line in nine hours and 41 seconds.

At breakfast before the event he told his coach about the dream and then completed the epic event in the dreamed time.

"I thought that was pretty funny," he said, adding he should have bought a lottery ticket. The venerable race that tests close to 2,000 athletes from around world in the three-discipline event is known for the heart wrenching drama that stems from the test of physical endurance and mental fortitude. Cyr, who finished 385th overall and 16th in his 18-24 years old category, can attest to that. This race is unique. It offers challenges like no other due to the very scope of the event, the size of the competitors' field, unforgiving terrain and the oppressive heat.

The 24-year-old had never experienced a mass swim start in deep water.

He said being surrounded by 2,000 other people was overwhelming and breathtaking, particularly at the first 100-metre buoy.

"I tried sprinting to the first 100 metres and got a bit of space, but I eased up just a little bit and got swamped by this massive incredible [group of] swimmers," he said, referring to the first 500 metres. "There's people kicking, pushing. You're getting grabbed on your ankles; you're getting pushed down on your back. It's just hard to get your arms out of the water. It's really hard to take a breath. You could probably go seven or eight strokes without getting a breath so I felt really panicky at some points, but I knew I trained for this so didn't think of it. I thought of one stroke at a time."

Even in the face of this challenge he came out of the bay and completed the 3.8-kilometre swim in 58 minutes and 28 seconds. Compared to the bike leg, which he felt good about with his relatively quick time (four hours, 54 minutes and 21 seconds, for close to a 37-kilometre-per-hour average) despite the heat, helped in part by the tailwind. His run was a real test of his mettle.

When he started the run leg he felt good (considering he'd completed 180 kilometres of bicycling).

But running the pace of competitors around him, who were pushing a pace faster than he is used to, proved to tire him. The temperature, north of 90 degrees Fahrenheit, didn't help.

At the 10-mile mark he was walk/running. It was all he could do in light of the muscular pain and the discomfort of his stomach, which he thinks was related to poor choice of food the night before.

"Pretzels were one of the few things I could eat," he said. "Lots of pretzels. The salt on the pretzels tasted so delicious."

The sun was relentless without shade or relief from a cooling wind.

"Everything hurt so much, but I knew I had to just keep going. I was thinking it's going to be a long way to walk this marathon so I got to keep running," he said, referring to the five-mile mark. "That middle section of the mara-

thon I tried telling myself, I can't quit. I've got so many people at home cheering. Lot of the people are the reason I was there. I have to at least finish for them so I knew I was going to finish. I just didn't know how much it was going to hurt."

He started to limit himself to only 20 walking steps, followed by at least 50 steps of running and then attempting another 50. When the running became too unbearable, he resumed his walking. "That helped keep me going forward. I knew my goal of coming under 10 hours was possible if I kept moving forward," he said. "One step after another for 42 kilometres."

For all the problems he still finished the run leg in three hours, 42 minutes and 36 seconds.

One thing that surprised him in a field of highly competitive athletes was the family atmosphere.

It's something that he'll never forget. "This one guy that I ran with for five miles kept telling me, 'You look really strong try to just keep up and try to follow me.' He was setting a decent pace so I tried to go with him for a few miles."

"Eventually I had to walk again," he said. At the finish line when the competitors congratulated one another, he discovered that for all the support he received he was equally helpful to others.

"One guy actually came up to me and said, 'Thanks for pushing me in the last few miles ...' He said if it wasn't for me he wouldn't have pushed that hard. It's kind of nice hearing those things from other athletes. The other athletes are helping you get through the course. It's not just you. You're not alone out there," he said. While riding, he was never truly alone. All he had to do was to see the names of all his supporters scrawled on his bike to be reminded of how he got to Hawaii.

"I rode with them on race day. It's kind of nice," he said.

If there is a next time he would like to stay in host community Kona instead of living outside like he did this year. The entire community is alive for the event and although he appreciated the quiet and calm to prepare, experiencing the hoopla would be welcome. After a conversation with his coach following the race, Cyr said he'd be focusing on shorter distance triathlons, possibly the 70.3-mile (1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.3 mile run, totaling 70.3 miles) world championships.

Being a pro, he's not sure about another Hawaii Ironman since the requirements are more difficult. Cyr earned his Hawaii berth with a win at the Ironman North American Championships at Mont Tremblant in August.

And, if next year is a consideration, he would take some time with the decision. "It was a lot of race to take in. If I decide to go back next year I would have to wait a bit before I make the decision. The pain is still fresh in my mind," he said, laughing. Although he hasn't planned any particular dates to speak about his experience, he is open to the idea.



Minden-raised Edward Cyr was one of hundreds of amateur triathletes, who are seen here starting the 2.4 miles (3.86 km) swim portion, that competed in the Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, October 12, 2013. Cyr, 24, finished the event 387 overall with a time of nine hours and 41 minutes. REUTERS/Hugh Gentry

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## sports year in review

# Badminton team basks in bronze glory

Darren Lum  
Staff

*Inspiration and camaraderie powers senior badminton players at OFSAA, as doubles players Bin Chun and Jaimie Dack win bronze medals.*

They believed and achieved what only seemed like a dream several weeks ago.

Close to a week after the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship in Chatham, the mixed doubles badminton team Jaimie Dack and Bin Chun of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School smile, reflecting about feeling "astounded" at winning a bronze medal and how it is "miraculous." Last year the team finished third at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final and missed earning a berth to the all-provincials by one spot.

"We were really mad. We thought we had it. We lost it right in front of our eyes," he said. "You know [this year] we trained hard." This year they came through dominating Dan Nazareth and Nicole Baran of Paul Dwyer Catholic Secondary School (21-11 and 21-15) in the bronze medal match. The pair said they were motivated and inspired by their coach Jason Morissette and themselves. He emphasized the team concept and a belief in their abilities. None of this, they said, would have been possible if it wasn't for their team, who provided invaluable support throughout the season and also at the all-provincials. "It's not really our achievement. It's a team achievement. We've been practicing together and they supported us. They stayed a night just to watch us play and to cheer us on," he said. Dack appreciated the cheering and the verbal encouragement by her teammates in the medal game. She adds their presence was reassuring and it ensured their opponents were kept "honest."

Off the court the five were often up late, they said. What they were doing they wouldn't reveal.

Dack maintained a routine that included Froot Loops cereal, country music and a 40-minute warm up before matches. Her song of choice? Save a horse, ride a cowboy. She loved how it bothered Morissette when she and the other girls Sandy Griffith and Jessica Duchene, who both earned OFSAA spots for girls' doubles, would sing it aloud on the drive down.

Chun ate Froot Loops on the medal match day. He thought it couldn't hurt and would be great for "chemistry." To keep it going, he explained. It worked.

Morissette commends his players for playing up to the calibre of play at the tournament.

"What I was proud about was they were competitive at every level they were playing. Yeah, maybe the scores don't reflect that ... [but] the kids all tried," he said.

Also making the trip with them was singles player Darcy Schmidt, who dominated COSSA not dropping a single game.

Schmidt, who finished eighth in the province playing in the A flight, had his dad and the school's junior badminton coach Bob with him.

"I am happy for Darcy with his finish. He enjoys badminton and has a lot of drive and dedication. He practiced hard to get to that level - lots of drill after drill after drill - specific shots and extensive footwork drills. Have to, to be able to compete against some of these city players that practice daily at their clubs," Bob said.

Although Schmidt belongs to the Ridges Badminton Club in Millbrook, he only managed to be there once or twice a week because it is an hour-and-a-half away.

Schmidt opened with two wins on the first day, but couldn't beat the second seed of the tournament and then lost a close match, losing the third game 17-21 on the second day. His dad was impressed by his son's finish. He said, "not sure if I would have guessed that going in."

Morissette thought this finish is the best in the 30-plus history for the sport at the school.

"If he's eighth, the number one, two or three is Olympic potential. These players in that flight will be representing us at Pan Am games, the Olympics," he said, giving context for the achievement.

A and even B flight players were being recruited by post-secondary schools, he adds.

The flights determined by the players win/loss records on the first day. A medal, he said, is still an achievement regardless of flight.

Doubles player Duchene was impressed by the skill of the players at the tournament, describing it as "amazing to watch."

This isn't the first trip to OFSAA for Duchene, who, with her playing partner Griffith, both earned trips with their field hockey team.

"It was amazing to make it to OFSAA with a team but it was really cool and exciting to make it to OFSAA with only one other person. There is a lot more pressure on yourself so it's a pretty amazing feeling when you do well. It's also something I never expected to happen so it was a very exciting day when Sandy and I won second place at COSSA. Both were obviously very exciting but it feels like more of a personal accomplishment when you make it to OFSAA in a more individual sport," she wrote in an e-mail. Their strong play on the first day put them in the B flight. The tough competition didn't dissuade them though. They were competitive in all their matches, their coach said.

All of them, Morissette said, raised their calibre of play to match the moment of the occasion.

It is arguably the best achievement for a badminton team at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in its more than 30-year playing history, he added.

"They went into the tournament (all three) playing at their best. A lot of times players will go to OFSAA and maybe they're a little off," he said.

By the second game of the first match they all realized they were ready to compete, he adds. Despite the misgivings (except for Schmidt who is the lone player on a club and competed in OFSAA last year) about coming from a small community and limited playing compared to players from club teams, his team left those reservations behind. A major factor in their success was their attitude at the event.

"Fun. They had a lot of fun. When kids are having fun and having a good time they do better," he said.

He said the event is more than just about playing, as this event also enables players to socialize with players from all over Ontario.

Unlike other sports, badminton is an etiquette sport. Scores are kept by the players and submitted to organizers. Support is even given to one-time rivals. The team lent its support to fellow COSSA representatives from Norwood District High School during a medal game.

"That's what you do. You support your region unless you go head to head," he said.

As a coach he was happy to enable his players by giving them the tools for success, but knows the achievement is also shared by the players' families and friends but, in particular, the school.

This achievement is a lesson for students about the importance of hard work. Two words that ring loudly for him are "resilience" and "humility"

"You don't always win the game. You don't always get the job," he said. "It teaches you how to come back [even when it seems difficult]."

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Yoga teacher Caroline Hutt would love to continue Monday night yoga classes for another six week session if there is enough interest. Don't delay - call or e-mail Caroline ASAP to register to ensure the class runs. Classes will take place Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$75 for 6 weeks. The drop-in fee is \$15 per class. Please call ahead - bring a mat, water and blanket if you like. Caroline's e-mail is [hutt.caroline@gmail.com](mailto:hutt.caroline@gmail.com) or phone 705-706-3468.

There is a new day and time for Dorset Tai Chi Classes. For mind, body, spirit, health and wellness, the winter session has started but participants are welcome to join in at any time. Learn to relax and energize with Tai Chi, Chi Kung & Meditation on Mondays from 10:30 to noon (10:30 to 11:30 option available). Beginners are welcome! Pre-registration is required by contacting Valerie Houston Peel of Temple Knights Holistic Martial Arts. E-mail [info@templeknights.com](mailto:info@templeknights.com) or call Valerie at 705-767-1177.

Wednesday yoga classes begin on Jan. 8 and all levels from beginner to advanced are welcome. Learn yoga stretches, breathing techniques and meditation to rejuvenate and restore every Wed-

nesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. with Ingrid Bittner. Please register ahead by e-mailing [ingridbittner@gmail.com](mailto:ingridbittner@gmail.com) or calling 705-635-3473. The cost is \$10 per class.

African hand drumming classes and drum circle take place right after yoga class on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No experience is required and instruments are provided. Registration is required and the cost is \$10 per class. To register, e-mail [gilliant07@gmail.com](mailto:gilliant07@gmail.com) or call 705-766-9183.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands Parks, Recreation and Trails Department is offering six guided snowshoe hikes and a four-week cross country ski instruction session at the Frost Centre trails. Advanced registration is required for all activities by e-mailing or calling the Dorset Recreation Centre at [drc@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:drc@algonquinhighlands.ca) or 705-766-9968.

The first hike is called "First Steps" on Tuesday Jan. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the second is called "A Heritage Walk" on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Snowshoes and skis are provided or you may bring your own. Space is limited and as mentioned, advanced registration is required. The cost for snowshoeing is \$30 for the six-week session or \$5 per hike and for the skiing, \$20 for the four-week session. These programs are being subsidized by the Government of Ontario.

Birthday wishes for Dec. 29 to Jan. 11 go out to Hailey Pulfrey, Larry Bradbury, John Clayton, Jordan Wilson, Ethan MacKay, Alex Jordan, Hugh Reynolds (happy 80<sup>th</sup> Hugh!) and Graham Avery. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home e-mail address which is [malfano@hotmail.ca](mailto:malfano@hotmail.ca) or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

## Branch opens doors for President's Levee



### Legion br. 636

Minden Legion extends its wishes for a very good New Year 2014 to all our members, customers and friends.

The Branch is back in full swing after the Christmas break, serving its regular lunches from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday is always a popular day with the addition of Meat Draws. For just a dollar you get a chance for eight draws on quality meat from the local butcher shop. Proceeds are set aside to support various charities like the monthly donation to the Food Bank.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m., President Keith Welborn will be welcoming the public, local dignitaries and representatives of other organizations to the President's Levee. There will be live entertainment with the Highlands Trio, food and an opportunity to mix and mingle with the members of the executive. Make it your New Year's resolution to relax

by the cozy fireplace and enjoy the hospitality of the Minden Legion. We appreciate your support.

Highlands Trio will be back again from 1 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 18, playing their special brand of country, bluegrass, rock 'n roll, folk and down-east music. There is no cover charge, just a donation to the band. Come early as seats are limited.

Members of Branch 636 are advised that the sign-up sheet has been posted in the clubroom for Zone Darts to take place in Lindsay Feb. 1. Mixed Darts will take place on March 29, also in Lindsay.

Dues must be paid up for 2014, and the Branch will help with cost of registration and travel, up to the amount agreed upon at the last membership meeting. All memberships should be paid by now, but if you have been procrastinating, remember, Jan. 31 is the cut-off date for your dues to be received by command in order to continue receiving the Legion Magazine free as one of your membership benefits. Legion Magazine is a great publication and was a finalist for the Governor General's 2013 Pierre Berton History Award.





# County card scores

by Patti Fleury

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Dec. 17 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were our reporter Muriel McIntosh 5,530, Jim Burrows 4,840, Ev Morgan 4,580 and Frank Schlotter 4,530 with Lois Emmerson awarded the Shiny Penny. There were four Slams going to Ross Fletcher and Sandy McKay, Carol Bowker and Frank Schlotter, Ross Davies and Jack Cox and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Jim Burrows.

December 17 euchre at Lochlin: Barb Carpenter reports that for the gents Terry Davis was high man and Ralph Young low while Rae Dawn Shepherd led the ladies with Rita Crofts low. Betty Hicks won for most lone hands and Harold Harvie for the special draw. Barb extends a Merry Christmas to all and a note of appreciation to Hazel Benetin for her thoughtful gifts reminding that cards start again on Jan. 7.

Dec. 17 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the ladies at 273 was Albert Foster then Belle Walker 268 with Jean Scadden and Sharron Atkinson tied for third place at 215. First for the gents at 288 was Ida Young followed by John Deak 264, Jason Peacock 260 and Howard Smith 251. Marcel Roussel won the main draw with Clare Obdam, Dwaine Lloyd and Tom Grix claiming the smaller prizes while Ida Young, Clare Obdam and Marcel Roussel took the moonshots. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this update.

Dec. 17 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Heather Harrington led at 4,660 then Linda Taylor 4,440 and Diane James 4,210.

Dec. 17 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to Connie Sawyer and Tom Macartney at 442 then Sandy Poulton and our reporter Pearl Cowen 315. In third place were Dorene Elstone and Kay Bull while Bev Alexander and George Ham-

ilton posted the afternoon's low of 160.

Dec. 18 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Pearl Cowen 367, Tony Z. 350 and Marcy Morgan 345.

Dec. 18 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Ev Morgan and Reet Murray led at 58 per cent then Ross Fletcher and Jackie Metcalf 55 per cent, at 54 per cent Linda Cherry partnered with Bruce Armstrong and Jan and Dave Heaven 53 per cent.

Dec. 19 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were our reporter May Bradbury and Ron Morrison with Pearl Cowen and Doug McIntosh posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Cheryl O'Dell and John Priestly with Cheryl O'Dell [2], May Bradbury [2], Jason Peacock and John Priestly taking home the other prizes.

Dec. 19 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: At 307 Tom Grix topped the gents followed by Archie Ross 273, Tied for third spot at 237 were Marcel Roussel and Howard Smith then Pat Bailey 231 and Kevin Maloney 223. Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 263, Pearl Cowen 253, Pat Roussel 247, our reporter Bev Johnson 228 and Margaret Fletcher 195 while Tom Grix, Archie Ross and Pearl Cowen had single moonshots and Kevin Maloney and Albert Foster took two.

Dec. 20 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Ellen Holden won for high hands, Doreen Frances for lone hands, Sherin Brown for low hands and Pearl Cowen for the special prize.

Dec. 20 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Kathie Porter and Linda Cherry led at 60 per cent

then Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Davies tied at 56 per cent with Ross Fletcher and Frank Schlotter.

Dec. 21 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 311, Pat Roussel 271, Tom Grix 264 and Maria Tschida 235 while first for the gents at 276 was Ron Morrison then Pat Scadden 250 and Karin Harrison 246. Maria Tschida won the special prize and also took a moonshot along with Karen Chapman, Sherin Brown, Janice Davidson, Archie Ross and Karin Harrison.

Dec. 23 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top honours went to Frank Franzen at 284 with Karin Harrison 270 next and Phyllis Windsor 258 third. Gene Newell also reports that Frank won the draw while Sheldon Rae, Phyllis Windsor and Ida Young [2] claimed the moonshots.

Dec. 23 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Sherin Brown, for lone hands Arthur Forbes, for low hands Sandra Crockett and for the special prize Murray Daniels.

Dec. 28 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Karin Harrison 326, Pat Roussel 287, Sharron Atkinson 240 and Dwaine Lloyd 211. First for the gents at 279 was Albert Foster followed by Marcel Roussel 256, Karen Chapman 234 and Jason Peacock 218. Sherin Brown also reports that Marcel Roussel won the special prize while Karin Harrison, Archie Ross and Margaret Fletcher took the moonshots.

Dec. 30 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Vic Ballik 248, Phyllis Windsor 237 and Pat Roussel 234. Carol Murphy won the draw with Marcy Morgan, Theresa Deak

and our reporter Rose Isaacson claiming the moonshots.

Dec. 30 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Murray Daniels won for high hands, Shirley Howe for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Joan Riel for the special prize.

Jan. 2 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Muriel McIntosh 242, Ida Young 230 and Gala Newell 226 with Maria Tschida and Phyllis Windsor tied for fourth spot at 214. At 321 Pat Scadden topped the gents followed by Archie Ross and Jim Corbett tied at 278, Marcel Roussel 216 and Jason Peacock 207. In the moonshot department Marcel Roussel, Pat Bailey, Maria Tschida and Ida Young had singles while Pat Scadden took three. Thanks to Bev Johnson for this update.

Jan. 3 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Rob Eaton and Peter O'Connor led at 70 per cent then at 53 per cent Jackie Metcalf partnered with Bruce Armstrong.

Jan. 3 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Jason Peacock won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Bev Johnson for the special prize.

Jan. 4 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: First for the ladies at 264 was our reporter Sherin Brown then Sharron Atkinson 260, Pat Roussel 227 and Karen Chapman 223. Topping the gents at 258 was Marcel Roussel followed by Howard Smith 255 with a tie between Pat Scadden and Donna McArthur at 226 for third place. Sharron Atkinson won the special prize while moonshots struck Bev Johnson, Howard Smith, Pat Bailey, Pat Roussel, Karen Chapman, Pearl Cowen and Marcel Roussel.



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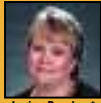




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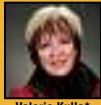
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### Spectacular Acreage \$135,000

- Great getaway property; Approx. 139 acres
- Encompassing nearly 1/2 of Amaleen Lake
- Only minutes from Haliburton, and all amenities
- Driveway roughed in for easy access

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### Beech Lake \$374,000

- 125 ft south facing - SUN, SUN, SUN
- 2 bdrm with full finished basement on large acre lot
- Room to build garage or workshop
- Flat lot with deck and 75 ft cedar topped dock

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



### Location! Location! Location! \$37,900

- In-town building lot
- Relatively level and well treed
- Electricity and telephone at roadside
- Walk to Haliburton or town docking

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



### Haliburton Starter \$124,000

- 4 BRs, just 5 mins from Haliburton Village
- Features new shingles, newer oil furnace
- Beautiful 2 acre lot; easy access on mun. rd
- Great income possibilities

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



### Home/Cottage, Large 3 lake Chain - \$249,900

- 103 Ft Waterfront, 0.7 acre level lot;
- 2000 Sq Ft, 3 + 1 bdrms, 1 x 4 Pc Bath;
- Impressive Large FP, Garage/workshop;
- Boat Launch, dock & approx 36 miles boating.

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



### Clear Lake Building Lot \$149,000

- Rare, point lot with 115 feet sand frontage
- Excellent building site with good privacy
- Just minutes from Hwy 35 and Minden Village
- Setbacks have been posted, crystal clean lake

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



### Beech Lake \$249,000

- 720 s.f. 3 bdrm cottage on .78A
- Clean and tidy and south facing
- Sand entry and flat lot
- Garage and storage building included

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



### Building Lot Close to Town \$29,999

- Great location near Minden
- In an area of nice homes
- 1.18 acres on year round road
- Hydro & phone close by

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



### Sir Sam's Ski Chalet \$399,000

- Ski in and out of this stunning Chalet
- 4 BR, 3 Baths, full finished basement
- Top end finishing, amazing views
- Year round get away for active families

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



### Miskwabi Lake - Rare Find! \$479,900

- 218' frontage, awesome shoreline, sunset views
- Nicely updated 3BR cottage
- New wood stove with granite hearth
- Easy Municipal year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



### Little Hawk Lake \$265,000

- Rare opportunity to own on pristine Little Hawk Lake
- 3 bedroom cottage with full finished basement
- South facing, beautiful view
- Includes deck, sauna

Valerie Kulla 286-2138



### Ingoldsby Bungalow \$164,900

- Great starter or retirement home
- Excellent private location 1.30 acres
- Mn flr windows & entry doors new 2005
- Drilled well 2009; propane furnace 2006

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



### Pride of Ownership! \$335,000

- Immaculate 4 season waterfront home/cottage
- Level lot with child friendly sand beach
- Quiet bay on the Gull River heading to Shadow Lake.
- 2 bedrooms and double car garage

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



### Recreational Paradise- 37.6 Acres - \$299,900

- 10 mins to Minden, Blairhampton Rd.- prestigious area
- Hard & softwood bush; natural spring; partially landscaped
- High quality 2+1 BR home; 2 baths; Bsmt w/o; Private;
- Level access; trails; 1.5 km from public boat launch- 12 Mile Lake

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



### Country Retreat with Studio \$315,000

- 2000+ sq ft. 3 BDRM Log Home
- Custom Kitchen, Liv Rm w/Fireplace
- 2 Car Garage w/Full loft above
- 12 acres, pond, rock outcroppings

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



### Gull River \$254,900

- Well Maintained 4 Season home/cottage
- Boat to Gull Lake or Downtown Minden
- 3 Bedrooms, Sunroom, Full W/O Basement
- Single Car Garage, FAO & Woodstove

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



### County Road 21 \$165,000

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
- 2 bdrm; walk out bsmt.; family room
- Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
- Raised bungalow; dbl drive & lots of parking

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



### Excellent Opportunity on Halls Lake \$299,900

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
- Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
- Original 1940's cabin
- Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



### Great Starter Home \$119,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



### Outstanding Pine Lake Property \$589,000

- 395 feet of combination deep water and sand shoreline
- Very level lot with huge majestic trees
- Completely redone main cottage
- Oversized 2 car garage with upper Bunkie

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



### Highway 35 Lots

- Two prime building lots north of Minden
- Easy access from highway; driveways in
- \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres;
- HST in addition. Commercial use possible

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



### Minden Home \$140,000

- Charming 2 Bedroom/1.5 Bath
- Open Concept Living and Kitchen
- New shingles, deck, fixtures, flooring etc
- Full walk-out Basement

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



### Halls Lake Beauty \$649,900

- Classic charm with modern upgrades
- Incredible 249' of sandy beach waterfront
- Boathouse and gazebo at waterfront
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



### Country Home \$319,000

- Large 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home on 25 acres
- Bright, open-concept living with stone fireplace
- Attached 1.5 finished garage & large detached garage
- Centrally located to numerous centres & amenities

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



### Davis Lake \$299,900

- 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage.
- Bunkie + garage
- Level lot, sand beach, dock.
- Big lake view

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



### Ready For Immediate Occupancy \$84,900

- 3 bedrooms with good level lot
- Perfect for young family or retirees
- Comfortable surroundings, close to town
- For more details contact Tom

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



### Great Starter Cottage! \$79,900

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### Fitzgerald, Edward Charles (Ted)

It is with great sorrow that we announce  
the passing of Ted Fitzgerald at age 78  
on December 18, 2013 at Ross Memorial  
Hospital in Lindsay. Loving father of  
Colleen (Doug) and the loving  
grandfather of Emerson and Duncan.  
Fondly remembered by friends and  
family. He worked as a stationary  
engineer at the Duffin Creek Water  
Pollution Control Plant in Pickering, and  
retired to Algonquin Highlands in 2004 to  
enjoy fishing and afternoons on the deck.  
A Memorial Service was held at  
McEachnie Funeral Home,  
(905 428-8488), on Monday December  
30th. Memorial donation to the Canadian  
Daschund Rescue or Canadian Cancer  
Society would be appreciated. Special  
thanks to all the people who kept Dad  
independent and well over the past year:  
friends in Minden, visiting nurses, and  
doctors at Minden hospital.

Online condolences may be placed at  
[www.mceachniefuneral.ca](http://www.mceachniefuneral.ca)



### In Loving Memory of Gary Francis Vasey

Passed away peacefully at the  
Haliburton Hospital on Sunday,  
December 22, 2013 with his loving family  
by his side. At the age of 79.

Loving husband of Lynne Tate. Dear  
father of Ted (Susie) Vasey, Lesley Anne  
(Bernie) Killoran, Patti Lou (Michael)  
Robinson, Scott (Jenny) Vasey, Alan  
(Heidi) Tate, Elizabeth (Chris)  
Tate-Leber and Peter Tate. Loving  
grandpa of Mitchell (Machenzie), Mark,  
Leanna (Luis), Bret, Nicole (Adam),  
Madison, Mackenzie, Kyra, Braeden,  
Ella and great grandpa of Baia and  
Khari. Dear brother of Glen (Judy)  
Vasey, and Hugh (Bev) Vasey. Fondly  
remembered by his family and friends.

Friends were invited to visit the family at  
the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.,  
127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427,  
Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday,  
December 28, 2013 from 4:00 until 7:00  
pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on  
Sunday, December 29, 2013 at 3:00  
pm. Cremation will follow. Reception  
will be held in the Monk-Cray family  
centre at the funeral home.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton  
Highlands Health Services Foundation  
(HHHSF) would be appreciated by the  
family.

[www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

In Loving Memory of Jean Marie Baker  
(Macey)

Passed away peacefully at the  
Bracebridge Hospital on Saturday,  
December 28, 2013. In her 90th year.

Beloved wife of the late William. Dear  
mother of Brian and his wife Georgia  
Macey. Loving grandmother of  
Christopher and his wife Cathy, Bryce  
and his wife Ingrid, Michael and his wife  
Tara and great grandmother of Addison,  
Meryn, Ethan, Skylar, Nolan and Myla.  
Dear sister of Maureen Lamble of  
England, Jean would never go a day  
without speaking to her sister and visited  
her every two years. Aunt to Jean and  
Peter. Jean worked most of her life as a  
Nurse in Toronto, she was an  
accomplished pianist and organist. She  
enjoyed 20 years of retirement in Elliott  
Lake sharing her music and beautiful  
gardens.

A Private Family Service will be held at  
the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.,  
127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427,  
Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, January 3,  
2014.

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## In Memoriams

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### McIlvenny, Maurice (Moe)

In loving memory of a dear  
spouse who passed away  
January 9th, 2011.

Though his smile is  
gone forever  
And his hand I can not touch.  
Still I have so many memories  
of the one I loved so Much.

*Forever Missed,  
Loving you always  
Love Pat*







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Dagmar Boettcher\*\*  
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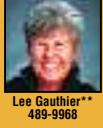
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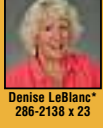
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### Spectacular Acreage \$135,000

- Great getaway property; Approx. 139 acres
- Encompassing nearly 1/2 of Amaleen Lake
- Only minutes from Haliburton, and all amenities
- Driveway roughed in for easy access

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23



### Beech Lake \$374,000

- 125 ft south facing - SUN, SUN, SUN
- 2 bdrm with full finished basement on large acre lot
- Room to build garage or workshop
- Flat lot with deck and 75 ft cedar topped dock

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



### Location! Location! Location! \$37,900

- In-town building lot
- Relatively level and well treed
- Electricity and telephone at roadside
- Walk to Haliburton or town docking

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



### Haliburton Starter \$124,000

- 4 BRs, just 5 mins from Haliburton Village
- Features new shingles, newer oil furnace
- Beautiful 2 acre lot; easy access on mun. rd
- Great income possibilities

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



### Home/Cottage, Large 3 lake Chain - \$249,900

- 103 Ft Waterfront, 0.7 acre level lot;
- 2000 Sq Ft, 3 + 1 bdrms, 1 x 4 Pc Bath;
- Impressive Large FP, Garage/workshop;
- Boat Launch, dock & approx 36 miles boating.

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



### Clear Lake Building Lot \$149,000

- Rare, point lot with 115 feet sand frontage
- Excellent building site with good privacy
- Just minutes from Hwy 35 and Minden Village
- Setbacks have been posted, crystal clean lake

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



### Beech Lake \$249,000

- 720 s.f. 3 bdrm cottage on .78A
- Clean and tidy and south facing
- Sand entry and flat lot
- Garage and storage building included

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



### Building Lot Close to Town \$29,999

- Great location near Minden
- In an area of nice homes
- 1.18 acres on year round road
- Hydro & phone close by

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



### Sir Sam's Ski Chalet \$399,000

- Ski in and out of this stunning Chalet
- 4 BR, 3 Baths, full finished basement
- Top end finishing, amazing views
- Year round get away for active families

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



### Miskwabi Lake - Rare Find! \$479,900

- 218' frontage, awesome shoreline, sunset views
- Nicely updated 3BR cottage
- New wood stove with granite hearth
- Easy Municipal year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



### Little Hawk Lake \$265,000

- Rare opportunity to own on pristine Little Hawk Lake
- 3 bedroom cottage with full finished basement
- South facing with beautiful view
- Includes deck, sauna

Valerie Kulla 286-2138



### Ingoldsby Bungalow \$164,900

- Great starter or retirement home
- Excellent private location 1.30 acres
- Mn flr windows & entry doors new 2005
- Drilled well 2009; propane furnace 2006

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



### Pride of Ownership! \$335,000

- Immaculate 4 season waterfront home/cottage
- Level lot with child friendly sand beach
- Quiet bay on the Gull River heading to Shadow Lake.
- 2 bedrooms and double car garage

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



### Recreational Paradise- 37.6 Acres - \$299,900

- 10 mins to Minden, Blairhampton Rd.- prestigious area
- Hard & softwood bush; natural spring; partially landscaped
- High quality 2+1 BR home; 2 baths; Bsmt w/o; Private;
- Level access; trails; 1.5 km from public boat launch- 12 Mile Lake

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



### Country Retreat with Studio \$315,000

- 2000+ sq ft. 3 BDRM Log Home
- Custom Kitchen, Liv Rm w/Fireplace
- 2 Car Garage w/Full loft above
- 12 acres, pond, rock outcroppings

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



### Gull River \$254,900

- Well Maintained 4 Season home/cottage
- Boat to Gull Lake or Downtown Minden
- 3 Bedrooms, Sunroom, Full W/O Basement
- Single Car Garage, FAO & Woodstove

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



### County Road 21 \$165,000

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
- 2 bdrm; walk out bsmt.; family room
- Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
- Raised bungalow; dbl drive & lots of parking

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



### Excellent Opportunity on Halls Lake \$299,900

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
- Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
- Original 1940's cabin
- Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



### Great Starter Home \$119,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



### Outstanding Pine Lake Property \$589,000

- 395 feet of combination deep water and sand shoreline
- Very level lot with huge majestic trees
- Completely redone main cottage
- Oversized 2 car garage with upper Bunkie

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



### Highway 35 Lots

- Two prime building lots north of Minden
- Easy access from highway; driveways in
- \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres;
- HST in addition. Commercial use possible

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



### Minden Home \$140,000

- Charming 2 Bedroom/1.5 Bath
- Open Concept Living and Kitchen
- New shingles, deck, fixtures, flooring etc
- Full walk-out Basement

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



### Halls Lake Beauty \$649,900

- Classic charm with modern upgrades
- Incredible 249' of sandy beach waterfront
- Boathouse and gazebo at waterfront
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



### Country Home \$319,000

- Large 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home on 25 acres
- Bright, open-concept living with stone fireplace
- Attached 1.5 finished garage & large detached garage
- Centrally located to numerous centres & amenities

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



### Davis Lake \$299,900

- 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage.
- Bunkie + garage
- Level lot, sand beach, dock.
- Big lake view

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



### Ready For Immediate Occupancy \$84,900

- 3 bedrooms with good level lot
- Perfect for young family or retirees
- Comfortable surroundings, close to town
- For more details contact Tom

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



### Great Starter Cottage! \$79,900

- Neat and tidy 2-bedroom cottage
- Deeded access to Wenona Lake across road
- 12' x 8' shed, newer metal roof
- Fully furnished, Year round access

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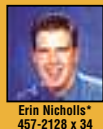
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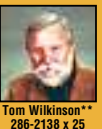
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